

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 5 Sep 49 5/2104Z	2. LOCATION East of Reno, Nevada (MOUNTAIN HOME AFB, IDAHO)
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Evaluated on flight description and charecteristics.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Two minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground@Visual	Object was first sighted from a car at 10 degees elevation. Its size was about that of a P-38 wingspan. Speed was about 600 mph, at an estimated altitude of 3,000 to 5,000 feet. It seemed to be perfectly round with curved sides that came to a smooth rounded edge. Object was reflecting sunlight when hesaw it. It disappeared into the west about 2 minutes after it was first sighted. No sound, smoke, contrails, exhaust, or sound was observed.
7. COURSE Westerly	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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23RD STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, PHOTO
5TH STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE GROUP
Mountain Home Air Force Base
Mountain Home, Idaho

29 September 1949

SUBJECT: Report of Flying Disc

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Wright Field, Ohio

ATTENTION: ~~MC/AXA~~

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5 Sep 49
East of Reno, Nevada
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1. The following report was submitted to the Intelligence Officer of the 23rd Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Photo, on 29 September 1949 by S/Sgt. Willie L. Cole, AF-39544088, and is forwarded for your information.

- a. Sighting was made at exactly 1404 Mountain Standard Time, the 5th of September, approximately 25 miles East of Reno, Nevada on U. S. highway 40.
- b. Clear, visibility unlimited.
- c. S/Sgt. and Mrs. [REDACTED] USAF - 23rd Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Photo, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Mountain Home, Idaho

Mrs. [REDACTED] sister of Mrs. [REDACTED]
Ontario, California.

- d. Photographs not available.
- e. See inclosure number one (1).
- f. (1) One (1).
(2) Perfectly round with curved sides coming to a smooth, round edge.
(3) About forty feet (40').
(4) Silver.
(5) 500 - 600 MPH.

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- (6) Due West.
- (7) Traveled perfectly straight and level.
- (8) 3,000' - 5,000'.
- (9) None.
- (10) None.

g. S/Sgt. [redacted] is a veteran USAF gunner with four (4) years service. He completed 43 combat missions as a waist and ball-turret gunner on B-17's in the 8th Air Force; is credited with one (1) FW-190; spent 10½ months as a POW. His report, while late, is considered excellent in view of his experience and obvious presence of mind in noting details.

S/Sgt. [redacted], his wife and sister-in-law, Mrs. [redacted] departed Mountain Home, Idaho, on 3 September 1949 for 30 days ordinary leave to be spent in Los Angeles, Cal. At exactly 1404 MST (by Sgt [redacted] watch) on 5 September, Sgt Cole was driving West on US 40 approximately 25 miles East of Reno, Nevada. The day was clear and bright with unlimited visibility. His wife, riding in the front right seat, noticed the disc when it was at about ten degrees inclination to the rear and off to the right of the car. She asked her husband, "Now what is that thing?", thinking he would be able to identify it. Sgt [redacted] did not stop the car but leaned forward over the steering wheel and looked up to see what it was. He states he first saw it at about ten degrees inclination forward and to the right of the car. His first impression was that its' size in diameter was about that of a P-38 wingspan, and, judging from that estimated its altitude at around 3,000' to 5,000' and speed from 500 to 600 MPH. However, the shape was unlike any aircraft he had ever seen before. It was perfectly round with curved sides that came to a smooth rounded edge. Its' plane was perpendicular to the earth's surface and remained so for the duration of the sighting. The object was reflecting sunlight when he saw it and appeared silvery-metallic in color, like an unpainted aircraft. It disappeared to the West in a timed two (2) minutes. He heard no sound, saw no smoke, contrails or exhaust, noticed no ports or windows. His Wife, [redacted] claims she thought it was spinning on its' short axis and could see windows evenly spaced all around the edge. Mrs. [redacted] his sister-in-law, had only a glimpse of the object.

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On arriving in Reno, Sgt [REDACTED] stopped at the Sheriff's Office and inquired as to the nearest Army Intelligence Office. Everything was closed because of Labor Day and Sgt [REDACTED] made his report to the police personnel who stated they would see that it was forwarded through appropriate channels. They also stated this was the fifth report of that type turned in that day.

S/Sgt [REDACTED] returned from furlough on the 28th and reported his sighting on the 29th of September.

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Lt. Col., USAF
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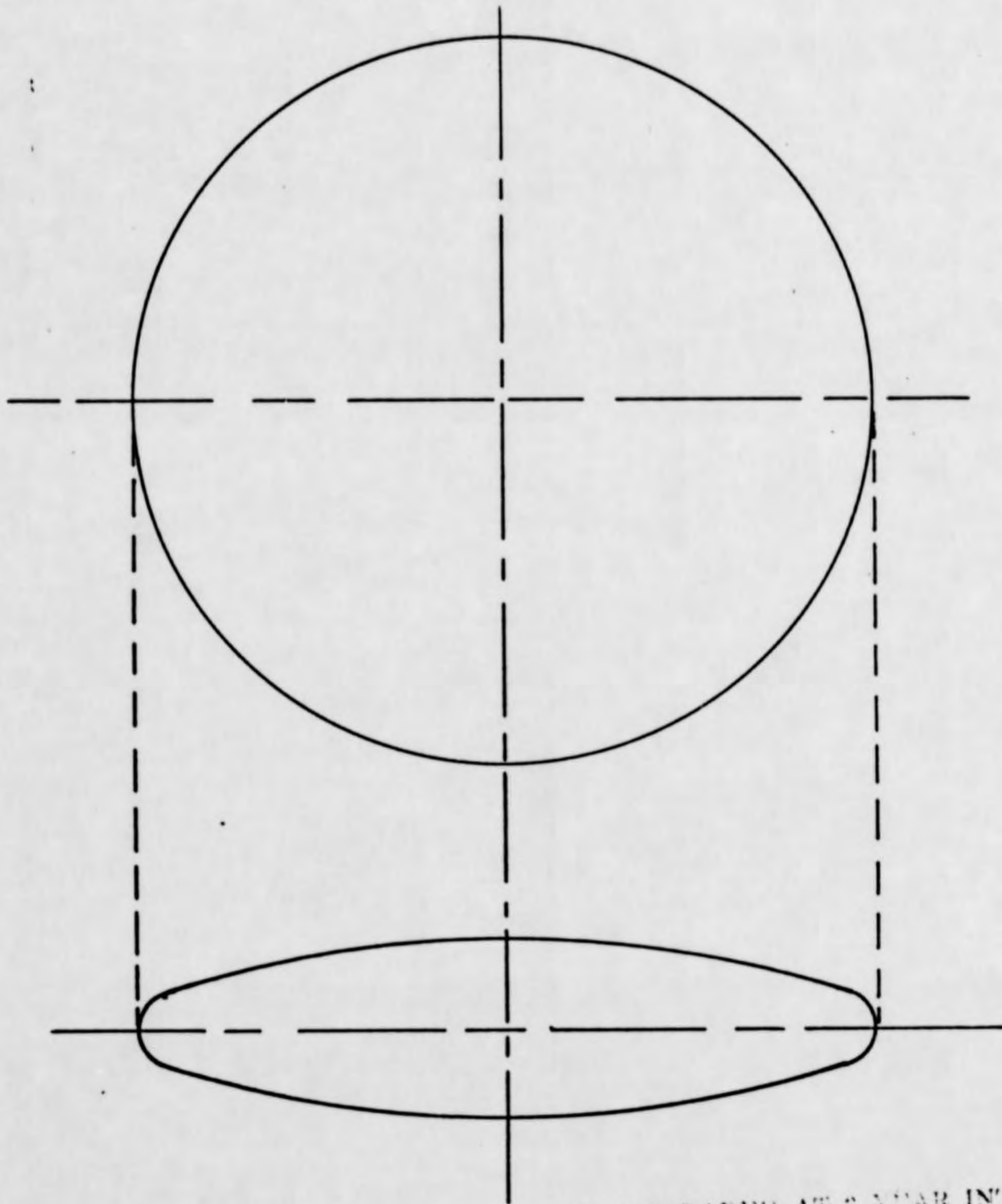
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